DUl arrests increase over winter break

County task force increases activity, prevents any fatalities this year

Donovan Aird

The past couple of months may have brought their usual holiday cheer to most of San Luis Obispo County, but they were underscored by an unsettling trend—and this time, one that took on historic proportions.

From Nov. 22, 2007 to New Year’s Day, 294 DUI arrests were made within the county, which signified a 12.6 percent increase from the same time span of 2006.

Avoid the 14, a county effort including DUI saturation patrols and monitoring checkpoints to prevent driving under the influence, overseeing 22 DUI arrests on Dec. 1, 2007, which was the highest amount of such arrests made on one day during the period.

After four fatal DUI traffic collisions during the holiday period in 2006, though, Avoid the 14, which is named for the number of fatalities, received no endorsement from enforcement agencies in the county, reported no fatal collisions from the 2007 holidays.

“It’s about sending the message (drunk driving) is not acceptable,” said Erin Taylor, San Luis Obispo County’s DUI Task Force coordinator, who added that area residents have been instrumental in reporting drunk driving. “The public is tired of people drinking and driving, and the county is tired of seeing unnecessary deaths.”

A naturally contributing factor to the increase in arrests was that there were five weekends between Thanksgiving and Christmas in 2007 as opposed to the usual four, Taylor said.

Just the same, though, she was elated with the void of fatalities.

“I can’t tell you the last time we didn’t have a fatal collision during a holiday period,” she said.

San Luis Obispo Police Department Capt. Dan Blake, while also ecstatic with the absence of fatalities, called their most recent nonexistence more of a “cyclical” development than any outcome derived from particular actions taken to deter them.

“We have to constantly keep up the effort, enforcement-wise and education-wise,” he said. “I don’t think it’s a problem that’s going to go away.”

Business junior Juliana Bunce said that although efforts such as Avoid the 14 are commendable, more would be done if drivers, including Cal Poly students, aren’t likely to necessarily be deterred from drunk driving by such approaches, if they are even aware of them.

“Drunk drivers don’t care; they’re going to drink anyway,” Bunce said. “It’s not going to stop them and they’re still going to get caught.”

Mechanical engineering junior Andrew Bookboll agreed that drunk driving among college students isn’t likely to disrupt.

“There’s not really much change,” he said. “There’ll always be a constant small percentage of people who take the risk.”

Bookboll, a Pennsylvania native, said that while the college atmosphere can contribute to such illegalities, it isn’t necessarily its main reason.

“I guess you’re bound to see more partying amongst college students,” he said. “But then, there are probably a high amount of people the same age doing it who don’t go to college.”

Blake, a Cal Poly alumnus himself, pointed out that although it may seem as if college students get a bad rap for the problem, especially in a community such as San Luis Obispo, the city’s nature as a college town is one that contributes to the problem.

Clinton says Obama is distorting racial comments, Obama says that’s ludicrous

Beth Foulhy

NEW YORK — Democ­rat Hillary Rodham Clinton suggested Sunday that Barack Obama’s campaign had injected racial tension into the presidential contest, saying he had distorted for political gain her comments about Martin Luther King’s role in the civil rights movement.

“This is an unfortunate sto­ryline the Obama campaign has pushed very successfully,” the former first lady said in a spirited appearance on NBC’s “Meet the Press.” “I don’t think this cam­paign is about gender, and I sure hope it’s not about race.”

Clinton taped the show before appearances in South Carolina, whose Jan. 26 primary will be the first to include a significant representation of black voters. Blacks were 50 percent of primary voters in the state in 2004 and the number is expected to swell this time.

Both New York Sen. Clin­ton and her husband, the former president, have engaged in dam­age control this week after black leaders criticized their comments shortly before the New Hamp­shire primary last Tuesday.

The senator was quoted as saying King’s dream of racial equality was realized only when President Lyndon B. Johnson signed the Civil Rights Act of 1964, while Bill Clinton said Illusion Sen. Obama was telling a “false tale” about his opposition to the Iran war.

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The tragic romance "Atonement" was named best drama Sunday at a Golden Globes event that was deflated from star-studded revelry to dry news conference-style awards announce­ment because of the Hollywood writers strike.

The bloody stage adaptation "Sweeney Todd: The Demon Barber of Fleet Street" was chosen as best musical or comedy. Its star, Johnny Depp, won for best actor in a musical or comedy for the title role, playing a vengeful barber in the adaptation of Stephen Sondheim’s stage musi­cal.

Also winning two awards was the crime saga "No Country for Old Men," which earned the screenplay Globe for writer-directors Ethan and Joel Coen and the supporting actor honor for Javier Bardem as a killer tracking a fortune in crime cash.

Denzel Washington was named best dramatic actor for his role as a modern-day John Henry in "Training Day," which was not nominated for an Oscar.

Juliette Binoche was named best actress in a drama for her role as a woman whoOptional to see Obama, page 2.
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be distracted by the sorts of political point-scoring that was evident today then that is going to be her prerogative," Obama said.

Another rival, John Edwards, added his voice to the chorus of criticism of Clinton's comments about King.

"I must say I was troubled recently to see a suggestion that real change that came not through the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King but through a Washington politician. I fundamentally disagree with that," Edwards told more than 200 people gathered at a predominantly black Baptist church in Sumter, S.C.

Later Sunday, the Clinton campaign scrambled to explain comments by one of its top black supporters, BET founder Bob Johnson, that seemed to raise the issue of Obama's admitted teenage drug use.

"I am frankly involved the Obama campaign would imply that we are so stupid that we would think Hillary and Bill Clinton, who have been deeply and emotionally involved in black issues — who Barack Obama was doing something in the neighborhood; I won't say what he was doing, but he said it in his book — when they have been involved," Johnson said at an event with Clinton in Columbia, S.C.

In his memoir, "Dreams from My Father," Obama described using marijuana and occasionally sampling cocaine as a youth. He declined to respond directly to Johnson later when asked about it.

"I'm going to spend all my time running down the other candidates, which seems to be what Senator Clinton has been obsessed with for the last month," Obama said during visits to people's door steps in a Las Vegas neighborhood.

The Clinton campaign later released a statement in which Johnson said his comments referred to Obama's years as a community organizer in Chicago.

During the televised interview, Hillary Clinton praised King as one of the people she "admired most in the world," and suggested his record of activism stood in stark contrast to Obama's.

"Dr. King didn't just give speeches. He marched, he fought, he organized, he was gassed, he was beaten, he was jailed," she said, noting King had campaigned for Johnson because he recognized the need to elect a president who could enact civil rights into law.

While Clinton praised Obama's eloquence, she also stepped up her contention that his record did not match his rhetoric.

She noted that while he had spoken out eloquently against the war in 2002 before coming to the Senate, she repeatedly voted for the war once in office.

"If you are part of American political history, you know that speeches are essential to frame an issue, to inspire, and lift up," Clinton said. "But when the cameras are gone and when the lights are out, what happens next?"

Obama scoffed at her suggestion of an inconsistent record on the war. Campaigning in Las Vegas, he said he voted for war funding out of an obligation to support the troops, and noted other prominent Democrats, Sens. Edward M. Kennedy and Barbara Boxer, who voted the same way.

"Once we had our troops in, two years into a war, it was important that we do the best job of it," Obama said before speaking at a Pentecostal church. "They have decided to run a relentlessly negative campaign. I don't think anyone who is paying attention can deny that."

Clinton ended her day in South Carolina by speaking to more than 100 women at an invitation-only event at the Columbia bureau.

"We still have too many women who are not being treated fairly in the workplace," she said. "This is not a women's issue. This is a fairness and quality issue."
**State**

**VACAVILLE (AP)** — Authorities say they are examining the sport utility vehicle of a married couple saturated at Travis Air Force Base to see if a mechanical malfunction may have led to their deaths.

The pair was found dead Friday in a Chevrolet Blazer parked outside their Vacaville apartment complex.

Air Force spokesman Sgt. Matthew McGovern identified the couple as 22-year-old Senior Airman Chad Chewick of Bandera, Texas, and 23-year-old Senior Airman Jessica Chewick of Bloomington, Ind.

**SAN FRANCISCO (AP)** — Police have identified a man killed outside his daughter's high school basketball game as a San Francisco anti-violence activist and father of one of the country's leading young players.

A police spokesman says Terrell Rogers was shot multiple times while across the street from the Sacred Heart Cathedral Preparatory gymnasium during halftime Saturday night. No arrests were made.

**LOS ANGELES (AP)** — A man died after falling several stories in a Hollywood shopping mall while apparently attempting to slide down the banister of an escala- tor authorities said.

The victim's friends told of- ficials investigating the Saturday night incident at the Hollywood and Highland Center that the man "had been drinking quite a bit," said Los Angeles police Officer J. Bower.

Bower said the man lost his bal- ance and plunged several stories onto the steps of a moving lower-level escalator.

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— Gideon Warren, electrical engineering freshman

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**State**

**JACKSONVILLE, N.C. (AP)** — The nationwide man- hunt for a Marine wanted in the brutal slaying of a 20-year-old pregnant colleague who had ac- cused him of rape focused Sunday on Louisiana and Texas, after he was apparently seen at a bus station.

Witnesses said they saw Marine Cpl. Cesar Armando Lau- rean at a Shreveport, La., station Saturday night. Orleans County Sheriff Ed Brown said the bus Laurean was riding was headed to Texas, but police don’t know if he continued on that route, he said.

**York, Pa. (AP)** — Mark- ing his appearance with a coat of drywall compound wasn’t enough to protect the identity of a bank robber, authorities said. A NASCAR plate on the getaway car led police right to him.

Robert Coulson Lavery, 36, was convicted Wednesday in the Nov. 24, 2006, robbery of the New Cumberland Federal Credit Union, which netted $7,910. Fairview Township police said.

**New York (AP)** — At least 121 Iraq and Afghanistan war veterans have committed a killing or been charged in one in the United States after returning from combat, The New York Times reported Sunday.

The newspaper said it also logged 349 homicides involving all active-duty military personnel and now veterans in the six years since military action began in Afghanistan, and later Iraq. That represents an 85 percent increase over the previous six-year peri- od, the newspaper said.

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**National**

**GUANTANAMO BAY NAVAL BASE, Cuba (AP)** — The chef of the U.S. military said Sunday he hopes closing the prison here as soon as possible be- cause he believes negative publici- ty worldwide about treatment of terrorist suspects has been “pretty damaging” to the image of the United States.

"I’d like to see it shut down," Adm. Mike Mullen said in an in- terview with three reporters who toured the detention center with him on his first visit since becom- ing chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff last October.

**Jerusalem (AP)** — A tear-eyed President Bush stopped in front of an aerial photo of Auschwitz on Friday at Israel’s Holocaust memorial and said the U.S. should have sent bombers to prevent the extermination of Jews there.

Yad Vashem’s chairman, Avner Shalev, quoted Bush as saying the U.S. “should have ‘bombed it.’” Sec- retary of State Condoleezza Rice said Bush referred to the train tracks leading to Auschwitz, not the camp itself, where between 1.1 million and 1.5 million people were killed by Nazi Germany.

**Jerusalem (AP)** — Doc- tors said Sunday that Indonesia’s former dictator Suharto was in “very critical condition” after suf- fer ing multi-organ failure, with his heart and lungs showing fur- ther decline.

"He is now in very critical condition, worse than yesterday," said Marjo Subandono, the chief presidential doctor. “Almost all of his organs have experienced a decline, especially his heart and lungs.”

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President Bush gently nudged authoritarian leaders in the Mideast, sating frustrated desires for democracy in the region and saved his harshest criticism for Iran, branding it "the world's leading state-sponsor of terror."

Speaking in this Persian Gulf country, about 150 miles from the shores of Iran, Bush said Tehran threatens nations everywhere, and that the United States was "rallying friends around the world to confront this danger before it is too late."

The warning about Iran was much tougher than Bush's admission about spreading democracy in the Middle East, which has been billed as the central theme of his speech.

In a region of autocratic rulers, Bush did not single out any country for criticism. He spoke about democracy in a deeply undemocratic country, the United Arab Emirates, where an elite of royal rulers makes virtually all the decisions. Large numbers of foreign resident workers have few legal or human rights, including no right to protect working conditions.

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Frequenters of San Luis Obispo Farmers’ Market may be familiar with Dean Giordano, a man happy to hand out samples of his unique, healthy frozen-fruit delicacy, G’s Italian Freeze.

Giordano posted a booth for four weeks at the weekly bazaar on Higuera Street at the end of September and beginning of October, and received a great response from market attendres. News of a vacancy on 1126 Morro St. prompted Giordano to believe, “This is the time to open a shop. It’s either now or never.”

G’s Italian Freeze had its soft opening Jan. 9, and once Giordano signs up with the Chamber of Commerce, a grand opening will ensue with a ribbon cutting ceremony some time in the near future. Giordano signed a contract with the building owners about two months ago, and he has played a part in every step of the process since. Not only has he developed his product and the theme for his shop, he painted the walls, refinshed the floor, put in a three-compartment sink and fixed the plumbing.

Giordano has just one partner, Ken Colbert, a high school buddy, who will be the financial brains of the operation. Aside from Colbert, Giordano will be the sole employee at his store for the first month or two so he can meet the people coming in and tell them about his product.

“I’m just a perfectionist freak with this, so it’s got to be perfect every time. If you get it wrong one time, they’re not going to like it,” Giordano said. “But right now I think it’s all dialed in and that’s why I’m more anal about staying here and making sure it’s done right.”

In 1999, before his daughters were born, Giordano, who used to work as an auto broker, had a booth with his frozen creation near the Pismo Beach Hotel on weekends as a side job. Giordano ceased the Pismo Beach operation so he could spend more time with his budding family, but continued to conjure up his recipe for his daughters’ birthdays and soccer games over the years.

Giordano explained that his fruit concoction — which comes in orange, strawberry, pineapple and lemon flavors — is “a product that everyone loves — the adults, the kids, myself. It’s just something that San Luis hasn’t had. It’s definitely a treat that’s been specialized,” he said.

Unlike Italian ice, which is made from fruit purees, shaved ice (ice with syrup poured over it) or gelato (which is made with dairy products), G’s Italian Freeze is a non-dairy, cholesterol- and fat-free product made from whole fruits. Fruit, sugar, ice and some other secret ingredients all are mixed together at one time to make a sweet and creamy product with a texture unlike other frozen treats.

Aside from the pineapples he uses, all the lemons, strawberries and oranges are locally grown in either Cayucos, Arroyo Grande or Santa Maria. The orange flavor tastes like, well, a pineapple, but with a smoother consistency. The pineapple, the most impressive flavor, tasted like, well, a pineapple, but a very cold, smooth, ripe one.

Giordano hopes to install a flavor of the month as well; he said his first one will probably be raspberry. He is very open to suggestions from customers, some of which have recommended tangerine or cherry as possible flavors. He explained that he would play around with some recipes, but for now, he will stick to his main four. He said they have always yielded wonderful results, especially among his two best taste testers, his 4- and 7-year-old daughters.

Giordano comes from an Italian family with a tradition in cold treats. His great-grandfather, Calogero Giordano, owned an ice cream and soft drink cart in California. A picture of the elder Giordano standing in front of his cart in 1933 hangs in G’s Italian Freeze. Giordano said this picture shows the entrepreneurial spirit of his family. His great-grandfather also made sorbets, but adverntised ice cream because it was the American thing to say. Giordano’s uncle, his father’s brother, also ran a gelato shop.

Giordano has been playing with his recipe over time and said the key to his product is all in the texture, which is highly affected by the freezing temperature he uses. He makes the freeze daily in small batches to ensure freshness. Because all freezers are different, and Giordano is used to making his treats for single occasions like soccer games, he said, “I wanted to open up in the winter time, so I can work all the bugs out. By summer, it hopefully will be hoppin’.”

Along with his frozen treats, Giordano also sells his original recipe — European or Bate-Marie style hot chocolate made with Ghirardelli chocolate. The treat is like an Italian sipping chocolate, a product that you can eat with a spoon due to its thickness, but thinned out so it’s drinkable.

“It’s a lot richer than what you’d find in different coffee shops,” he said.

Customers also have the option of adding one of six flavored syrups to the chocolate for no charge. “I have something for the winter and something for the summer,” Giordano explained.

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Since when did Hollywood become so adamantly pro-life?

Angela Marie Watkins

Written by titillating blogger and former peep show provocateur Diablo Cody, “Juno” is the story of a 16-year-old girl trying to find out what kind of girl she is while incubating the child of a premeditated sex act.

While the pregnancy is unwanted, Juno can’t bring herself to “nip it in the bud before it gets worse” and decides to turn on the Lifetime channel — the clever dialogue, with the whole growing-up-while-being-pregnant thing.

Yet that does not necessarily give the movie a passing grade in the believability department. Recently it seems moviemakers are bombarded with a slew of movies that not only say “unwanted pregnancy is totally awesome!” but imply that it will suddenly make your life work out in all the right ways.

In “Knocked Up,” Katherine Heigl’s alcohol-induced, soon-to-be-bundle of joy is greeted with the total support of her family and even helps her receive a promotion at work. Meanwhile, her pot-head baby’s daddy suddenly cleans up his act so they can all live happily ever after.

“Waitress,” starring Keri Russell, faces just as bright an outcome. When Russell’s character decides to have a baby she doesn’t really want, she names a pie after her prenatal disdain. She also starts a steamy love affair and is miraculously bequeathed a quarter million dollars.

“Juno” follows this same thread of thought. Her parents are slightly perturbed with the situation but quickly shift into “let’s make this work!” mode and get back on to the rails with the clever comeback express. There are a few bumps along the way, but for the most part, things work out well for Juno and her unborn baby.

Unfortunately, back in reality, this is not the case for a majority of pregnant teens. However, the movie is unpretentious enough that it’s justifiable to excuse the implausibility as a special case.

Flawlessly-skinned Ellen Page pulls off being pregnant and confused without being one-dimensional. She’s quirky, yet thoughtful. She garners our sympathy, but leaves room for us to call her stupid. Page skillfully dissolves Juno from self-assured routabout to scared little girl in over her head, and we can easily feel her pain without it being delivered to us in a nicely wrapped slick package.

The rest of the characters are equally memorable, and Jennifer Garner is even lovable as the high-strung adoptive mom-year-to-be. Even when she decides which shade of yellow to paint the nursery — custard or butter cream — you want to hug her and tell her not to worry.

The writing and acting were not the only things carrying this movie; director Jason Reitman really brings the message home through what he decides to focus on. A simple shot of Juno’s bare feet next to Michael Cera’s clad in muddy running spikes will make you fight tears toward the end of the movie.

All in all, Juno is the thought provoking, heart-warming and hilarious movie it promises to be and is worth the ridiculous $9.50 admission.

Celebrity antics deserve a new name

Martin Bater

Looking at a half-cut birthday cake that used to have “celebrate” written on it, I came up with a new term — “celebrat” (cel-e-brat).

A celebrat is a celebrity or sportsperson who is a danger to himself or herself and/or the people around him.

New England Patriots wide receiver Randy Moss and Dallas Cowboys wide receiver Terrell Owens went from sports celebrats and team cancers to good teammates by being on the right teams surrounded by relevant and trustworthy people in and out of the music industry. Since then, she has been surrounded by a poisonous entourage that has derailed her life downhill at 200 miles per hour with nobody willing to stop her.

Unlike Hilton, she does have talent. She can capture the audience’s imagination and be as sexy as anybody has been since Madonna, and she has a fan base out there somewhere that still adores her.

The trouble is, she’s too famous for her own good. She seems overwhelmed in every facet of her life, and the talent she has is slowly going down the drain.

Moss used to be the world’s most famous Spears. The parallels are astounding. Playing for the NFL’s best quarterback and a coach who won three Super Bowls — Tom Brady and Bill Belichick, respectively — Moss found motivation again and broke the single-season touchdown record set by Jerry Rice.

Can Spears find her New England Patriots equivalent? For that to happen she needs to find a producer she can trust and make a record backed by relevant and trustworthy people in the music business. A CD with tracks featuring prominent artists and a music video that blows people’s minds would put her career back on track. After that, everything else should fall into place.

America needs celebrats — they make people feel better about the way they screw up — but that’s not to say the world needs people like Spears. That is why the music business needs celebrats as well.

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Ellen Page (above) stars as the title character in “Juno,” a witty and heart-warming film about a pregnant 16-year-old who picks out a couple to adopt her baby from the Penny Saver. Left, Michael Cera plays the father.

Colin Sulzdorf
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A voter’s quest to find a candidate

Dear James Koman,

If you are going to write a humor column please make it funny, not entirely offensive and ignorant. I don’t believe that I am too far out of line in saying that the hate speech blatantly displayed in your most recent article (“Why I Hate White People” on Jan. 10) would be severely punished if it were to be written by a non-humor columnist about, say, a minority group. I’m not saying what you wrote should be censored — what you want — but I think it was very naive of you to believe people would take this claim of article as humorous. Keep your audience in mind and mind instead, of promoting your own bigotry, demeaning anyone.

Jacki DeMarchi
Animal science junior

Column makes Mustang Daily less respectable

I just finished reading the column titled “Why I hate white people” and I am ashamed to say that the Mustang Daily is endorsed by the school that I PROUDLY attend. It is pathetic that you would allow such hateful, ignorant and simple-minded writing to be printed in your publication. As I was reading the article, a sinking feeling fell in my chest as I realized the article was actually printed with the copyright of Mustang Daily on it. You do have to be a respectable publication! Do you really want James Koman to put this article on his resume? In all honesty the Mustang Daily has lost any respect I had for it. I want to be a proud student of Cal Poly, but the childish and disgusting writing is presented like this I find myself doubting if I actually want to be associated with this school.

Thank you for your time.

Dear Mr. Koman, I will not attempt to scold, rebuke, fight, chastise or reason with you. But don’t be surprised if the air is let out of your tires. Regards,

Amanda

As an alum of Cal Poly, while I agree that this nation gives you — the right to say anything you like (secured and published for you by white people in our Constitution), I disagree with the manner in which you have said it. I used to feel that Cal Poly students had more class than this. You now sound more like Hitler condoning an entire race instead of an American speaking his mind. This article has no humor at all and I feel, as an alum, a public apology should be made.

— Tim

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INDIANAPOLIS — Gone — Peyton Manning, Marvin Harrison, Adam Vinatieri and the rest of the Colts.
By stunning Indianapolis, the San Diego Chargers just knocked off New England’s biggest road block to the Super Bowl.
Now San Diego must avoid a repeat of its last performance at New England.
That will be especially difficult without an injured LaDainian Tomlinson, who departed in the first half with a bruised left knee, and starting quarterback Philip Rivers, who went out in the third quarter with a damaged right knee to the Chargers’ stunning 28-24 victory Sunday.
With Billy Volek at quarterback and Michael Turner as the main runner, San Diego went 79 yards on eight plays, with Volek sneaking in from the 1 with 4:50 remaining for the lead. The Chargers’ big-play defense then held on downs at its 7, and stopped Indy again in the final moments to preserve their eighth straight win.
To make it nine in a row and advance to their second Super Bowl — the other was a loss to San Francisco after the 1994 season — the Chargers will need all the resourcefulness they showed at Indianapolis. Being undermanned against undefeated New England handle is an enticing prospect.
Still, with All-Pro cornerbacks Antonio Cromartie getting an interception and fumble recovery, and linebackers Shawne Merriman and Shaun Phillips plaguing Manning, the Chargers showed they have the ability to throw off any offense. Maybe even the most prolific attack in NFL history.
The Chargers didn’t come close against the Patriots in Week 2, falling 34-14. That was the beginning of a slide to 5-5 for San Diego, but the Chargers (13-5) are rolling now.
Manning did throw for 402 yards, completing 33 of his 48 throws, but both interceptions killed deep scoring threats. Rivers was 14-of-19 for 264 yards, and Volek went 3-of-4 for 48 yards in his clutch relief role. Vincent Jackson became San Diego’s top target with Gates, who hadn’t been hit in almost three months while sidelined by a knee injury, was stripped on his first reception by Cromartie. McCree recovered at the San Diego 22, stymying a lengthy drive begun with Kelvin Hayden’s interception.
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Still, the Colts went in front 24-21 when Gonzalez slipped past Marlon McCree down the sideline to complete a 55-yard scoring play with 10:07 to go. Chargers coach Norv Turner challenged that Gonzalez stepped out of bounds at about the 25, but the play stood.
So San Diego’s backups then won it, helped by a 27-yard screen pass to rookie Legedu Naanee and a 15-yard face-mask penalty against Indianapolis cornerback Marlin Jackson.
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"No one cares who takes a shot," she said. "We have great team chemistry right now." Sophomore forward Rebecca Tratter, who tied her career high with 16 points, said she was unaware of her own personal achievement. "Oh, I didn't even know," she said when told of the statistic. "There was just a lot of ball movement and everything flowed tonight." On the other hand, the Anteaters (4-3, 1-3 BWC) to just 26 percent shooting for the game and eight assists, an output that was individually matched by Mustangs senior guard Toni Newman.

Senior guard Katy Hosford, 15-foooter who gave eight-and-half minutes into the nut was the 12th Cal Poly basket in 15 tries, completing a 17-3 run that polished off a 27-9 advantage.

Anteaters senior guard Stephanie Duda, who entered the game averaging 13.2 points and a conference-leading 10.1 rebounds per game, was held without a basket until less than two minutes remained in the opening half. She finished with team highs of 12 points and 11 rebounds. Her scoring drought came at an inopportune time for UC Irvine, whose second-leading scorer and rebounds, sophomore forward Kelly Cochran, sat out the game due to a knee injury. "Cochran's absence was significant for them," Minnigh said. "She's a key piece for them—she's worth about 25 points in a game, offensively and defensively." Still, though, Minnigh, whose Cal Poly team have scored more points in a game just four times since she began her tenure with the program in 1997-98, was satisfied with her squad's showing. "There were only a couple of bad shots," she said. "We dominated from the tip." During the second half, in which UC Irvine got no closer than 19 points, other Mustangs cut out career-high innings included sophomore guard Brany­ my Askhand, who netted a career-high 10 points, and freshman guard Distory Johnson, whose two pointers were her first as a college player.

The Mustangs will travel to Cal State Bakersfield for a 7 p.m. tip Thursday before returning home to face the Gauchos at 4 p.m. Saturday.

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field goal, then the Chargers, now minus L.E., got to the Cot's 31 be­ hind Turner, who gained 25 yards on the march. But Nate Kading's 48-yard field goal try bounced off the right upright. In the second half of the half, Manning's fourth incompletion in 22 throws, a deflection by Wayne on a high pass picked off by Cromartie, the league leader in interceptions.

In the second half, both teams scored, including one on Manning, in running it back to the end zone, but a block by Eric Weddle was ruled holding, negating the long touchdown.

Nate Turner was livid at the call, berating the officials after what appeared a simple legal push by Weddle, who also had the other San Diego interception.

Rivers found Chris Chambers with a 30-yard TD pass to open the second half, and the Colts came back on Wayne's 9-yard sideline reception on which he dived to the pylon. Initially ruled out-of-bounds, Wayne was given the touchdown after the Colts challenged.

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Mustangs can’t follow upset of Arizona State, claim only two matches in ensuing Pac-10 dual

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Cal Poly splits opening eight duals of season, but is still above.000 in conference as Mendes stays unbeaten

Brittney Clyde

"I have no idea what happened." That was the response of undefeated senior Chad Mendes (18-0), ranked No. 3 in the nation at 141 pounds, after the Cal Poly wrestling team lost to Sunday afternoon Pac-10 Conference dual at Mott Gym to No. 25 Boise State.

The most recent time, a season high by 10 percent

Mustangs forward Rebecca Tratter drives against UC Irvine forward Haley Tull on Saturday night at Mott Gym. Tratter tied a career high with 16 points as Cal Poly won 92-55.

Cal Poly assistant coach Aaron Simpson said that the Mustangs assured themselves of a share of first place in the Big West, which they entered with just two nights earlier against the Sun Devils.

"The team was maybe a little satisfied with bombs and even a technical free throw or two in their 93-55 win over UC Irvine, but it all added up to something they wanted even more: their best Big West Conference start ever, and the program's best conference start in 28 years.

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Saturday night all right for offense

Poly off to best conference start in 28 years after demolishing UC Irvine

Donovan Aird

Everyone on the Cal Poly women's basketball team could get whatever they wanted on a Saturday night full of milestones at Mott Gym.

And the Mustangs got plenty of lay-ups, teardrops in the lane, back-aways, pull-up jumpers, bombs and even a technical free throw or two in their 93-55 win over UC Irvine, but it all added up to something they wanted even more: their best Big West Conference start ever, and the program's best conference start in 28 years.

"This was easily the best we've played as a team," Cal Poly head coach Faith Mimnaugh said.

"We played such beautiful basketball tonight." When Sparkle Anderson claimed a steal and raced down court for an up-and-under lay-up at the halftime buzzer, 10 players had scored to mount a 47-24 lead for Cal Poly (7-9, 4-0 Big West Conference). The team was well on its way to its best conference start since 1979-80, when it began Southern California Athletic Association play in Division II 5-0.

More immediately relevant, though, is that the Mustangs assured themselves of a share of first place in the Big West, which they entered in 1996-97. The blowout set up a battle for sole possession of the conference's commanding position when they welcome UC Santa Barbara (9-6, 4-0 BWC) this weekend.

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